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BRITISH "MUCKRAKING" IN GERMANY.

The sending of British commissions and delegations to Germany to investigate material conditions has been the fashion. Political parties and leagues and societies advocating this or that have had inquisitors ransacking the Paderborn from frontier to frontier, and their findings have been embodied in tons of reports, some instructive, but most of them unconvincing and stupid.

Hundreds of "Free Trade Leaguers" and "Tariff Trippers" have sought the secret of German prosperity, and their junketings have produced deductions wonderfully expressed. As might have been expected, the predilections of the visitors have found ample support as a consequence of the investigation. Free-traders discovered that Germany was not prospering because of protection, and vice versa. Employers of labor invariably learned that the toiling classes were poorer paid and worked more hours than at home. In fact, every investigator seemed to discover what he wished to find. Nearly every delegate published his "report," with the result that England has had a plague of leaflets. Hundreds described what they believed they saw, but one tripper tersely told what he did not see, and this was the best report of the avalanche. Here is what he said of Germany: "No unem-ployed standing at street corners. No drunkenness or brawling. No hoodlums. No signs of poverty as in England. No discourtesy. No begging or hawking. No deformed persons. No land out of cultivation. No ragged children. No late trains."

The alarming discovery was made that thousands of poor subsist in part on horseflesh and to prove the horror scores of investigators brought home the public advertisements of horseflesh merchants. These produced an outburst of righteous indignation. About a hundredth part of the meat eaten in Germany is horseflesh. It is sold openly as such, and it is held to be wholesome and palatable, and is rightly inspected by health officials. Probably, every continental country has people who eat horseflesh, on account of its cheapness—in Germany it sells at eight or ten cents a pound. Other British investigators pounced upon the black bread as unfit for human beings, comparing it detrimentally with the armor-coated loaves of rural England. From "Germany's Fight for Power," by Frederic Courtland Penfield, in the American Review of Reviews for July.

A LAW WITH TEETH IN IT.

Governor Foss has just signed a corrupt practices law which the Massachusetts reformers declare has teeth in it. It is certainly the most stringent measure of the kind ever passed by an American legislature. The hiring of workers at the polls is strictly prohibited. Candidates are limited to an expenditure of \$500 or \$25 for each 1,000 voters. The use of more than one carriage or conveyance to bring voters to the polls is forbidden. Unless campaign buttons are "decorative" they are outlawed. But next to the prohibition of the hiring of workers the provision prohibiting the solicitation of candidates for donations, gratuities, tickets, "for any other purpose whatsoever," is the most sweeping and important.

Brasile, however, though these may be, the vital question is the possibility of enforcement, and here the Massachusetts reformers think they have solved what has been the weak point in all corrupt practice legislation in this country. In effect the enforcement will be automatic, that is to say, they expect it will be enforced without the assistance of officials. The fact that officials have winked at corrupt practices committed by their party or friends has nullified previous enactments. But in this case the enforcement is committed to those whose self-interest demands its enforcement, the defeated candidates and party. Under the new law if violation of the statute can be proved against a candidate he forthwith loses his seat and a new election is ordered, with the additional penalty that the convicted candidate is made ineligible for office for three years.

Proving illegal voting in the hope of unseating a candidate has been a difficult task for the defeated, but it should be a simple matter, if there has been a violation of this stringent law, to procure the proofs and unseat the victor. The country will await the test of the new Massachusetts law, admittedly modeled on the British statute, which has brought about the unseating of so many members of Parliament recently, with intense interest. If it works as expected, it may, as its framers hope, offer a model that will be widely adopted.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

PEOPLE WILL STAND FOR THE TRUTH.

Adam Bede may be slow in arriving but that is the train's fault or that of the time-tables or the road managers. However, nobody complained after he arrived about Adam not being fast enough. He did go some. He preached an optimistic gospel. He gets in much sweetness and light. He glories in visions of hope. Differing a little in his philosophy from the more accented pessimism of Stuart and Hobson, he laughs one out of his gloominess. But he gets a pretty fair general average and much that he says explains and modifies an ultra opinion. The activities of civilization, progress and refinement in a land of liberty beset great problems and some see in them the overthrow of the republic and the last chance for democracy. But Americans take up their problems and solve them. We have met and solved the slavery problem, the polygamy problem, the circulation problem, the production problem and many others and now we are at work on the distribution problem. The statement is partially true. And perhaps if we keep eternally at it we will make progress and keep moving onward and upward. But it is well to keep a sharp eye to windward. With Joe Smith running five harems in the broad light of day in Salt Lake City, and Representative Roberts appearing in Washington with three wives, it doesn't seem that the Mormon problem is well solved. And with the trust and corporation trying to make slaves of the whole nation the financial problem does not seem to have found a satisfactory solution. It will take some hard shooting on the firing line to settle some of these matters yet. And about everybody in Marion agrees that if Hobson is correct—that a glass of beer makes drunk the fighting germs against disease and cause their columns to fall to pieces and these soldiers to fall over one another like drunken pigs throwing their battle line into confusion and disorder and letting in such soldiers as those of tuberculosis and typhoid fever within the intrenchments of the human body—then it is time we went out more about that matter. For all agree the hope of man must be based on a sound mind in a sound body. Hence, we find something helpful in the hopefulness of Bede and also something valuable in the warnings of a Hobson. But let them shoot with their biggest guns on this great arena of discussion for all sane people want the truth and will stand for it.

GREAT WESTERN STORMS.

If any one wonders where the excessive cold came from, last night, he may find the solution in the great storms and excessive rainfall prevalent in some sections west of us. For instance, at Beatrice, Nebraska, eight inches of rain was reported falling Sunday. The Blue River was two miles wide in places and a vast amount of stock, consisting of cattle and hogs, was lost. People were saved by taking them out through the roofs of their houses. The property loss was figured in early reports at \$500,000.

At another place we read a report of a rain where the waterfall was sixteen inches. Many storms have raged over the country with heavy precipitation of rain and hail. It is from these causes that come this remarkably cool spell in July when a fire feels comfortable. Perhaps the fierce blanket of heated air overlaying the continent having been broken up has caused reactions in these heavy rains and violent storms.

You cannot blame Atwood for flying from New York to Atlantic City. The fact that they haven't wings is all that prevents the New Yorkers from fluttering down in a bulk somewhere between the boardwalk and the surf.

ATTACK ON D. L. WILEY.

In the past few days President Taft has acquiesced in, if not actually approved the effort to remove Dr. Wiley from the position of Chief Chemist of the Agricultural Department. This affair has developed the greatest political sensation that Washington has experienced in more than a year. The great food canners throughout the country were, before the pure food law was enacted, extensive users of poisonous preservatives in their canned goods. Dr. Wiley as Chief Chemist of the Agricultural Department and therefore executive of the pure food law, has been relentless in his fight for pure food and he has struck sledge hammer blows at food adulterators and users of poisonous preservatives wherever he found them.

Our English friends are having an unusually bitter fight in their parliament in pushing through a bill to limit the power of the lords. They are resorting to vociferation, cat-calls, disorder and howling down the orators. It has been many years since anything like it has been known. The Conservatives are white with rage and resort to forbidden tactics. Really the English parliament stands disgraced before the world. We remember nothing like it in the history of our own Congress. There have been personal assaults like that of Preston Brooks on Charles Sumner but we remember no refusal generally to maintain order.

Our people, especially our farmers, are highly favored, this year as there has been such splendid weather without destructive storms and floods which have ravaged some localities even some near by us.

There ought to be some severe penalty for a man who will drink up his wages and make his wife wash clothes to get bread for the children.—Ohio State Journal.

Congress is its own punishment. It might have taken a vote on the important questions and gone home long ago, but Congress has such a way of sitting around that it is not surprising the hot weather caught up.

If Morocco had not been wasting time for a good many centuries it would not now be posing as a dinner table for land hungry nations of Europe.

About the only encouragement some July days can offer is that the bustle of Christmas shopping is at least three months away.

Ashland county voted dry yesterday, to get a saloon out of one town. The dry majority was 1,121.

Getting to windward of an electric fan is one of the most popular diversions of the day.

If the July weather doesn't ruffle her temper the June bride is a rare treasure.

Tide and Current.

Senator Norris Brown

Nebraskan Whose Indorsement Means With Opposition.



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SEEK THIRD MAN IN BEATTIE CASE

Girl Professes Love For Alleged Wife Slayer.

Richmond, Va., July 25.—The police are looking for a man who they believe killed Mrs. Louise Owen Beattie, on the instigation of her husband, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., who is in Richmond jail, charged by a coroner's jury with the murder.

It is the contention of the police that Beattie drove his wife to the appointed place in the Midlothian place, where the hired assassin was waiting with a shotgun.

The turn in the case has compelled Paul D. Beattie, young cousin of the accused, to tell more about his admitted purchase of a shotgun for Harry Beattie and about his movements on the night of the killing. Paul's wife and mother-in-law declare he was in bed before 10 o'clock, but a streetcar conductor says he saw him late that night.

Beulah Binford, 17, whose ill-fated love for Harry Beattie is believed to account for the tragedy, weeping and disconsolate, still tells of her love for the young man whose affection she won when she was 13 years old. She still avers she would confess she killed Mrs. Beattie rather than see her lover punished for it.

SUBPOENA JUDGE

Effort Made to Prevent Kinkead from Presiding in C. D. & M. Case.

Columbus, O., July 25.—Another link was added to the long chain of complications in the C. D. & M. re-employment litigation, when President John G. Webb of the road filed an affidavit seeking the hearing of the original case, which comes up for hearing on its merits Tuesday, from Judge Kinkead, the court of original jurisdiction, to some other judge.

In the affidavit of Webb, filed in common pleas court the allegation is set up that Judge Kinkead is a material witness for Webb and the interests which he represents in this litigation, and that therefore he is disqualified from sitting as judge in the hearing of the case.

Brownsville and Gratiot.

Columbus, O., July 25.—The Brownsville Farmers' Telephone company today filed with the new public utilities commission a reply to the Gratiot and Brownsville Telephone company, which is trying to keep it from entering the telephone field at Brownsville and vicinity. The old company asks the commission to refuse the new company a charter on the ground that no necessity exists for two telephone sys-

tems in that locality.

The Brownsville Farmer's company, in its reply, describes the services of the established company as "inefficient, and laborable," and says that the commission has no authority to keep them out of the field for the reason that they now company had secured its franchise before the new public utilities law went into effect. It is claimed by the new company that it spent \$800 for equipment and incurred other liabilities to the amount of \$1,500 prior to the enactment of the law.

The ruling of the commission will be of the wide interest to public service corporations.

Parson's Poem a Gem.

From Rev. H. Stubbins, Allison, Pa., in praise of Dr. King's New Life Pill.

"There's such a health necessity, in every home these pills should be. If other kinds you've tried, in vain, USE DR. KING'S."

Only 25c at Dechanten Bros.

Fourth Regiment.

Columbus, O., July 25.—The Fourth Regiment O. N. G., commanded by Colonel Byron L. Barger, of Columbus, will go to Camp Perry, Saturday.

There is every probability that the Captain of Grisons, Switzerland, will have the first official woman clergyman soon.

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to spend a week. The Fifth and Seventh regiments will be there at the same time. A review by Brigadier General John C. Spinks, of Columbus, will be a feature of the week.

French Consular Agent Assassinated. Paris, July 25.—It is rumored here in Spanish circles that Bolser, the French consular agent at Algeiras, in Morocco, has been assassinated. The truth of the rumor is gravely doubted.

Harboring Louise Swan. New York, July 25.—With a reward of \$1,000 to spur them on, private detectives started out today to aid a regular city police in the search for a nineteen-year-old Louise Swan, missing from her home since July 19. The inspector in charge of the detective bureau has detailed a squad of about men on the case.

The police now think she has been kidnapped and is held prisoner in the city.

The worry has so affected Mrs. Swan, mother of the girl, that a doctor says she will die very soon if the girl is not found.

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NOTICE TO FARMERS

Owing to the rapid increase in our business it has forced us (for the lack of time) to discontinue the sack business and hereafter Grain Bags can be secured at E. S. Mozier's Feed Store on north State street.

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EVA TANGUY'S SONG FREE. By special arrangement with the publishers, the words and music of Eva Tanguy's famous song, "I Can't Help It," will go as a feature with every copy of next Sunday's New York World.

Hereafter the Peter Ruff Detective stories that are making such a hit will be published in the Sunday World's Magazine Section.

Another interesting feature of next Sunday's World will be "Interesting Court Decisions Which Declare That the Husband Ought to Be the 'Boss' in His Own Home."

Ask him today and your newspaper will give you a copy of the Sunday World.

The latest fashion prevailing among the women of the Berlin aristocracy is to have their portrait painted while asleep.